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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH: Chief, Operation Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Okinawa Bureau--July 1981

I. GENERAL

A. Chief Engineer [ ] retired on 29 July 1981 after more than 20 years service with FBIS. [ ] served with distinction in Key West, Cyprus, Korea, and Okinawa. He was the recipient of several commendations and awards including the Intelligence Star for valor.

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B. Former Deputy Bureau Chief [ ] recruiting foray into Australia for Russian monitors proved to be quite fruitful. Five strong candidates were found and the top two-- [ ] have been put in process. We are hoping for their EOD's in late October/early November.

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C. On 4 August the official exchange rate in Japan was ¥247 to the dollar. This is the highest the dollar has been since April 1980. It represents a dollar increase of over 20 per cent since the beginning of this year and has resulted in a significant saving in local expenditures, especially the Master Labor Contract (MLC) payroll and utility costs, our two largest budget items geared exclusively to the yen. However, this affluence might be rather fleeting as reportedly the GOJ is taking steps to strengthen the yen.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. As a result of discussions with [ ] (who TDY'ed here 27-29 July) we began wirefiling XINHUA logs to Hong Kong for comparison with XINHUA service now being received there. [ ]

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brought the first XINHUA item they had received prior to his departure and a comparison with our version from Hellschreiber showed a significant difference in tone and content apparently designed for an international audience. Also their version was received about eight hours before ours. Further coordination on coverage will be carried out after Hong Kong completes its comparison survey.

2. After being alerted by Consul General Straus to the Consulate and Embassy's interest in the situation, on 22 July we filed a Beijing Japanese to Japan item on the PRC protest of the visit of a Japanese survey team (from Okinawa prefecture) to the Senkaku Islands--claimed by the PRC, Japan, and Taiwan--to study "fishery resources." Several followup reports were filed and Straus phoned to express his approval.

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4. We assumed coverage of Zhengzhou, Lhasa, Urumqi, Chengdu, Guiyang, and Manila FEBC from Hong Kong on 22/23 July during their temporary disruption due to a lightning attack.

5. We are now mailing Vladivostok and Khabarovsk recordings to the BBC for processing to ease the burden on our solitary Russian monitor who is concentrating on Moscow television and MONTSAME, as well as Beijing Russian.

#### B. Engineering

1. [ ] accompanied his successor [ ] on the latter's orientation TDY to Hong Kong and Seoul during the week of 12-18 July.

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2. [ ] assumed the duties of Chief Engineer, Okinawa Bureau and Far East Regional Engineer on 29 July.

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#### C. Communications

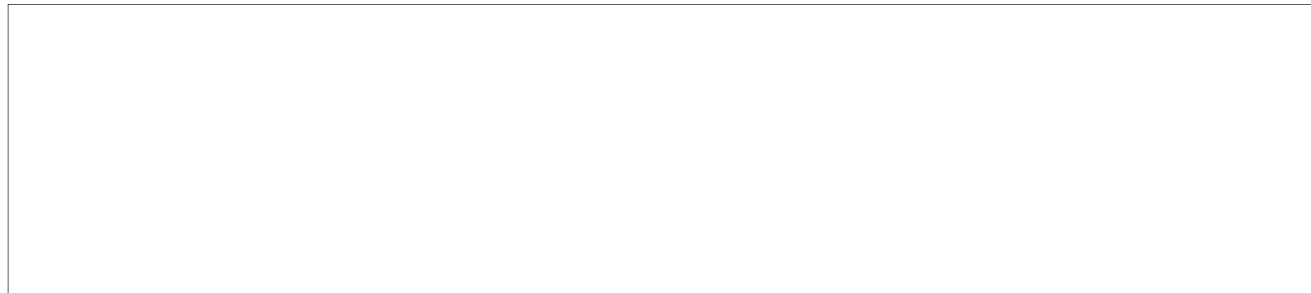
The DSTE MODE I circuit was out of service for two hours on 16 July due to equipment problems in the Guam ASC. The MODE V alternate was activated during this period.

#### D. Cruising

1. The "Voice of Malayan Democracy" (VOMD) became the newest Asian clandestine radio station on 1 July. Initial cruising observations showed the station to be broadcasting

in Malay and Mandarin, but by month's end it appeared to have dropped the Mandarin cast. Fixed antenna observations between Okinawa and Bangkok suggest the station is located no further north than Bangkok and no further south than Jakarta.

2. In response to a Headquarters request, Okinawa cruising unit provided information on the "Voice of Freedom" transmitters previously located in the city of Hue, South Vietnam.



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### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. [ ] departed PCS on 7 July. 25X1
2. Logistics Officer [ ] and Bureau Secretary [ ] arrived on 7 July. 25X1  
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3. [ ] arrived on 7 July. 25X1
4. Senior Editor [ ] arrived 14 July. 25X1
5. [ ] departed PCS 15 July. 25X1
6. [ ] departed 29 July. 25X1
7. Japanese Unit Chief [ ] was promoted to FNG-11; [ ] had been in grade 24 years. 25X1  
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8. Several employees remain on extended sick leave: [ ] who is in Taiwan, is suffering from apparent 25X1  
hepatoma; [ ] will complete the radiation treatment for the 25X1  
tumor in his neck on 8 August; Associate Editor [ ] under- 25X1  
went surgery on 24 July for gallstones and seems to be making  
a speedy recovery.

#### B. PRA and entry into U.S.

[ ] entered the U.S. under new I&NS rules 25X1 25X1  
with no problem through Los Angeles. However, dependent [ ] 25X1

[ ] was apparently charged with an illegal entry attempt at Honolulu on the grounds that she did not have a valid re-entry permit; Admin Staff has been advised of this hang-up and we are awaiting guidance for this and several upcoming re-entry cases.

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#### IV. VISITS

1. Former Bureau Admin Officer [ ] visited the Bureau on 30 July.

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2. Bureau Chief met with Lt. Gen George Stubblebine, from ASA Washington on 16 July and paid a courtesy call on the new CO Camp S.D. Butler, Maj. Gen. John Phillips on 28 July.

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Bureau Chief

Attachment:  
Production Reports

cc: Chief, Bangkok  
Chief, Seoul  
Chief, Hong Kong